

## Mission of the Virtual College of Texas

The mission of the Virtual College of Texas is to facilitate sharing of distance learning capabilities among member colleges to enhance access to higher education.

## Virtual College of Texas Memorandum of Understanding

Member colleges of the Texas Association of Community Colleges may participate in the VCT by following the terms of the TACC-developed Host/Provider Model, which allows students at local (host) colleges to take courses from remote (provider) colleges.

All participating members agree to the following:

- Host colleges will accept provider colleges' academic calendar and course management, including methodology, content, grading and course evaluation, except that the provider college will accept the host college's withdrawal dates.
- Host colleges will pay an instructional fee, typically an amount that would not exceed the current reimbursable contact hour rate, provided the student is enrolled on the host college's day of record.
- Host colleges receive the tuition, fees and contact hour reimbursement, and provide support services, including counseling and advisement, financial aid, technical support, test administration, and other resources as necessary.
- Host colleges award course credit.
- Provider colleges will use qualified faculty to teach and/or supervise courses, and ensure and maintain instructor credentials as required by SACS and any other entity having required guidelines.
- Provider college instructors will provide VCT students with a course syllabus during or before the first class specifying all course requirements.
- Provider college instructors will provide support for VCT students comparable to the support available to the provider college's own distance learning students in the same classes.

All participating colleges will operate in accordance with *the Virtual College of Texas Operations Manual*. Colleges may modify provisions provided each college involved agrees and provided all accreditation, state, and other requirements are followed.

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